

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

DEMETRIA BROOKS, <i>et al</i> ,	§	
<i>Plaintiffs</i> ,	§	
	§	
v.	§	Civil Action No. 4:22-cv-3322
	§	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S	§	
OFFICE, <i>et al</i> ,	§	
<i>Defendants</i> .	§	

**JOINT STATUS REPORT TO COURT**

The Parties appear to report on the status of the criminal investigation concerning the use of force occurrence at issue in the case. On April 19, 2023, the Court granted the motion to stay filed by Defendant Garrett Hardin pending resolution of the investigation of the underling incident, which resulted in a criminal indictment. *See* Dkt. 25 (Motion to Stay); Dkt. 35 (Minute Entry and Order). On November 4, 2024, a Judgment of Acquittal by Jury was signed in *State of Texas v. Garrett Harden*, Case No. 184158401010, in the 262<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Harris County, Texas. Accordingly, the Fifth Amendment privilege justifying the stay of the proceedings as to Defendant Hardin has been lifted.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that all counsel of record have been served a true and correct copy of this document by electronic submission for filing and service through the Electronic Case Files System of the Southern District of Texas on November 25, 2024.

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